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**Horticulture Centre  
of the Pacific**



**November 2023  
eNews**

**Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Everyday**



**A Message from our General Manager**

**SAVE THE DATE  
November 28th, 2023**



**GIVINGTUESDAY**

Please join the Gardens at HCP for GivingTuesday on November 28<sup>th</sup>!

What is GivingTuesday?

GivingTuesday is the world's largest generosity movement. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good: make someone smile, help a neighbour or stranger, show up for an issue you care about, or give some of what you have to those in need. Since its beginning, GivingTuesday has grown into a global movement, unleashing the power of

people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. GivingTuesday is a time when Canadians, charities, and businesses come together to celebrate giving and participate in activities that support charities and non-profits; to thank, help, give, show kindness, and share what they have with those in need. Every act of generosity counts. Everybody has something to give. November 28th will be Admission by Donation here at the Gardens to welcome everyone to be part of our Garden community.

***Deborah***



## A Message from our Head Gardener



A wreath hanging on the door is a symbol of welcome. I really enjoy the scents, textures, and of course, the one-of-a-kind creations when you make a wreath by hand. I will have handmade wreaths available starting the 25th of November, likely more of a selection in early December as we ramp up the wreath making.

My group of volunteers and I will be busy creating the ever-popular holiday wreaths!

Come in and browse our selection or contact me directly if you have any questions or want to place an order.

They will be individually priced, starting at \$50.

Thank you for your support,



Linda

[Headgardener@hcp.ca](mailto:Headgardener@hcp.ca)



## Keep The Flowers Blooming



***Thank you so much for your generous support!***

As a charity, the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific depends on the support and generosity of others to help us make a difference. The maintenance of our gardens is funded through our memberships as well as donations, sponsorships, grants and income from our gardens through admissions, plant sales, events and weddings. Even though much of the creation and maintenance of the gardens is carried out by teams of hardworking and cherished volunteers, there is still a large financial commitment when caring for nine acres of curated gardens and the Conservation Park.

***Your donations provide essential support.***

And thank you so much for your continued support -- we couldn't do it without you! Visit our [website](#) or phone (250) 479-6162 to donate today.



## Thank You Volunteers!



*"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."* Albert Camus

We are very grateful to our fantastic team of volunteers who come together throughout the year to support HCP. The many contributions made by over 275 volunteers has created a vibrant space where all can enjoy the beauty of the conservation lands and the gardens of HCP.

Current volunteer opportunities include volunteering with the Conservation Team or in the Front Office and Gift Shop.

For more information about volunteering at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific (HCP) please contact Kim at [volunteers@hcp.ca](mailto:volunteers@hcp.ca).



## Giles' Jottings

The clocks have changed, Hallowe'en is past and now we are sliding into the serious winter months. Maybe we'll have sunshine one day but it's likely to be rain the next. In the Gardens we need to wear gumboots more often than not and it's hard not to leave soggy footprints across the lawns.

Mostly the flowers are gone but the colours and the textures of the foliage seem even more varied than in midsummer. The maples are magnificent. There are several striking examples in the Takata Garden, low-spreading crimson ones on the banks of the stream and another, *Acer palmatum* 'Shishigashira', standing over the upper pond, which is a most gorgeous blend of yellow, orange and rust brown. However much I adjust my camera or try at



different times of the day, I seem unable to really capture its full rich colour; up close it looks truly good enough to eat.



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ACER  
PALMATUM  
'SHISHIGASHIRA'

In the Fusion Garden there is an as yet small variety, Acer palmatum 'Crimson Queen', whose red coloration is quite stunning. This cultivar is supposed to grow up to ten feet tall so, given its already spectacular display, we can hope to enjoy an increasingly outstanding specimen in the coming years.



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ACER PALMATUM 'CRIMSON QUEEN', PERSIMMON

Although most of the popular fruits are now picked or fallen there are still some tree fruits that are looking extremely appealing. In the Permaculture Garden there is a persimmon ( Diospyros kika ) whose leaves are fallen but the fruit themselves are clinging on, looking like so many bright orange tomatoes. And not far away the quince ( Cydonia oblonga ) is still bearing plenty of its large yellow pear-shaped fruit on its branches though the ground

beneath is also littered with many more. It is perhaps unfortunate that they are so disagreeable to taste when fresh but the effort of cooking them is rewarding. Peeling and coring them is indeed a little tough but once they are simmering in the pan the flesh turns progressively from yellow to orange and then rose-pink before becoming a gorgeous scarlet, quite the equal of any maple. And the resultant quince jelly or candied quince butter (membrillo) is a seasonal treat that you won't forget.



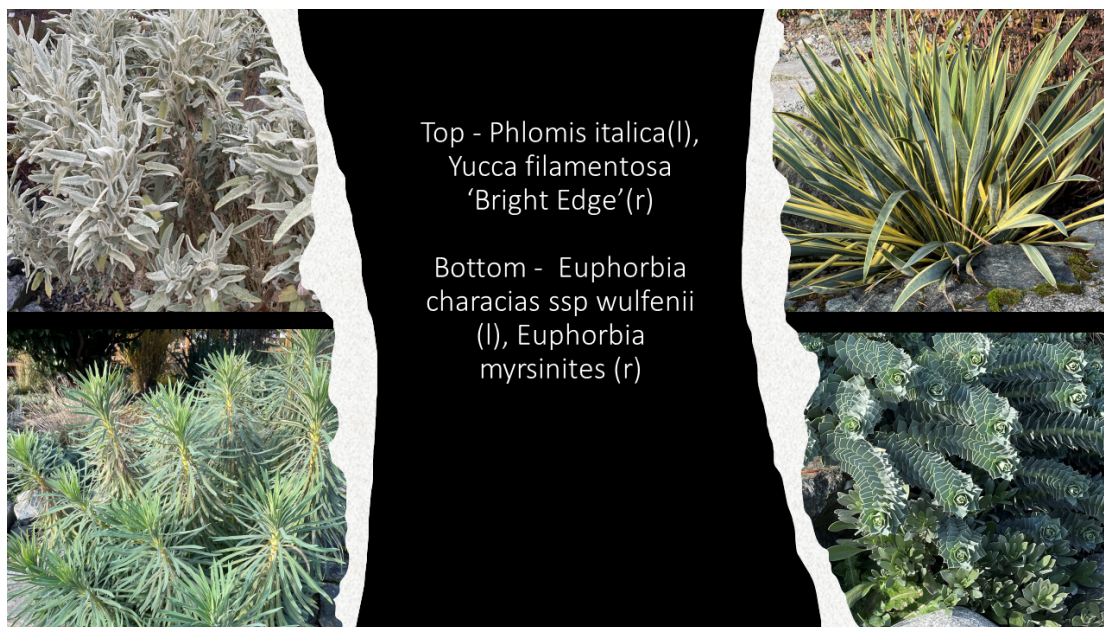
*Calendula  
officinalis*(l),

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thunbergii* var.  
*atropurpurea*(r)



In the Hardy Borders the purple leaf barberry ( *Berberis thunbergii* var. *atropurpurea* ) stands out loud and proud and in the Lily Garden the camellia is showing some early blooms. In a couple of spots marigolds ( *Calendula officinalis* ) still offer splashes of orange so bright that they seem almost out of place and in the Winter Garden there are still one or two purple geraniums. But what I find particularly appealing in this somewhat variable season are the textures and silvery-greys of the plants of the lower border of the Drought Tolerant Garden. At the eastern end *Phlomis italica* stands softly upright beside the spikey green and yellow spears of *Yucca filamentosa* 'Bright Edge'. Then the tall grey-green of *Euphorbia characias* ssp. *wulfenii* is neighbour to the ground-covering Donkey-tail Spurge ( *Euphorbia myrsinites* ) whose spiralling geometric forms have a look almost of sea creatures. Further along two lavenders, *Lavandula stoechas* and *L. dentata*, have attractive winter foliage despite their lack of flowers and *Erigeron* 'Profusion' makes up for that, sitting between them and still bearing its little white daisies.





In the summer months one is endlessly distracted by the profusion of flowers but this quieter time gives one an opportunity to appreciate some of the less flamboyant shades and contours around the paths and beds of the HCP.



Our friends from Lifecycles harvested 505 lbs of apples in October to share with the community!



There was a bumper crop of apples everywhere this year!!



**Current Hours: Weekdays 10am-3pm**

**Weekends 9am-3pm**

**...and watch for the HCP/C&Q Garden and  
Refreshment Bundles coming soon!**



**Gift Shop**





# The Gardens Gift Shop

Don't let the Holiday shopping season get you down - our gift shop is full of gifts to suit every taste!

- Seeds
- Candles
- Tea
- Honey
- Gardening Supplies
- Mugs
- ... & More!

We are proud to carry local artisans. **Members get a 10% discount.**



Many new items! Please stop in when you are in the gardens next and find the perfect gift for someone special. Many great deals!



## Pacific Horticulture College





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COLLEGE

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[ADMISSIONS@HCP.CA](mailto:ADMISSIONS@HCP.CA)

As the fall semester is in full swing, the campus is alive with the vibrant colors of autumn and the promising growth of our students. The part-time Level 3 students began classes on October 30 and will complete their studies on December 8th right before we set off for holidays. Upcoming Levels 1 and 4 are full with a waitlist being taken. We also encourage you to send more students our way to complete enrollments for our upcoming Full Time Landscape Certificate Program starting January 15th, 2024. There are 5 spots remaining and applicants are encouraged to apply even if the program is taking a waitlist. Refer a friend or family member to [admissions@hcp.ca](mailto:admissions@hcp.ca)

With graduation on November 17, the 2023 full-time certificate students are finishing up major assignments in Plant ID, Landscape Design and Hardscaping.

### **Thriving Student Projects**

The heart of any horticulture college lies in the innovative projects of its students, and PHC is no exception. Our dedicated students have been busy cultivating a wide variety of landscape design projects complete with detailed graphics and renderings, considering plant choices and placement, in addition to design solutions and meeting the clients' needs. These beautiful final projects will be on display in our Couvelier Pavilion over Graduation.

### **Workshops**

Pacific Horticulture College will be facilitating an Instructional Skills Workshop for future and current instructors. This 4 day workshop is designed to enhance teaching effectiveness for new and experienced educators. Participants actively engage with colleagues when receiving and sharing lesson feedback to enhance their teaching and student learning. This class is encouraged for all teachers in a college setting by our regulating body; The Private Institution Training Branch. All sessions are held at the Gardens at HCP in the classroom building and the fee is also provided at a discounted rate.

### **Community Service**

PHC College places great importance on community engagement and service. This semester, our students are involved in several local projects, including volunteering at community and classroom gardens, specifically the Individual Learning Centre and Rain Garden during the first recovery phase of the project. The impact was immense and our PHC instructors provided wonderful support during the hours spent on site. Kelly De Klerk (principal) has acknowledged the impact that this work has made on helping others to envision what the space could once again be used for. These efforts not only give back to the community but also provide valuable hands-on experience for our students.

### **Upcoming**

As we continue to cultivate the minds and skills of our students, Pacific Horticulture College remains committed to nurturing a greener, more sustainable future. We are proud of our students' achievements and look forward to more exciting developments in the world of horticulture.



There is an upcoming Landscape Integrated Pest Management course on November 22-24. Please visit our [website](#) for information and to register.

**Programs now open for applications:**

### **2024 Landscape Horticulture Certificate Program**

Program Dates: January 15 to November 12, 2024

Application Deadline: Extended!

### **2024 Level 1 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Program**

Program Dates: January 22 to May 22, 2024

Application Deadline: December 11, 2023

### **2024 Level 4 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Full-Time Program**

Program Dates: January 8 to February 16, 2024

Application Deadline: December 11, 2023 (Waitlisted)

**For more information, please visit our [website](#)**

**Questions? Please email [admissions@hcp.ca](mailto:admissions@hcp.ca)**



## **Community Education Workshops**

**Please donate your tree cuttings for wreath making classes.**



We have over 280 participants signed up for wreath making classes at the HCP this year. This ever-popular fundraiser is beloved in our community and a great way to support the HCP.

One challenge is gathering enough greens for our classes. If you are trimming trees, shrubs or hedges this month, please consider donating the greens to the



HCP. Read more about how to donate greens on our website [HERE](#).

## Holiday Workshops

### Edible & Medicinal Herbs for the Home Herbalist - Winter Workshop

Sunday, December 3 - 9:00am - 12:00pm



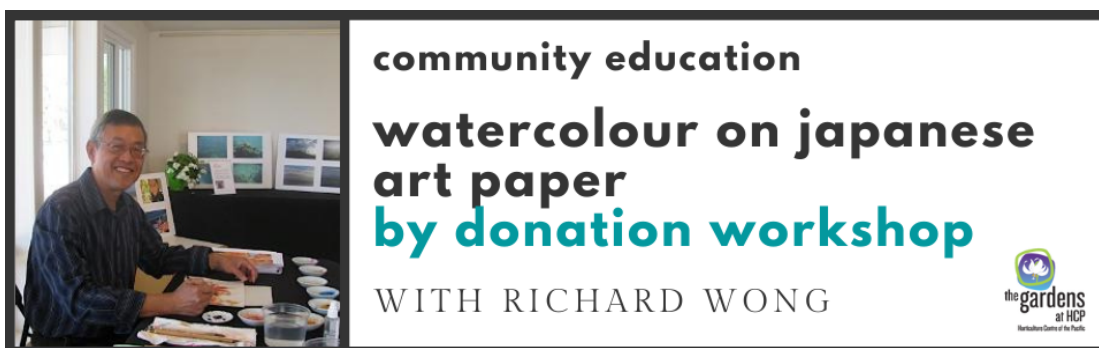
Join Herbalist Racheal Schnarr for the festive final installment of the "Edible and Medicinal Herbs for the Home Herbalist" series. This class will begin with a brief introduction to the medicinal and spiritual uses of herbs traditionally used during the winter months. Next, we will use our newly acquired knowledge to each create 1 x herbal bath soak blend, 1 x herbal salve, and 1 x herbal lip balm. All ingredients used are organic and local when possible, and carefully sourced for the highest quality and ethical practices. Keep these high quality products for your own self care, or give as gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

HCP Members \$55/Non-Members \$60

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

### BY DONATION: Open Invitation - Watercolour on Japanese Art Paper with Richard Wong

Thursday, December 7 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm



This class is an open invitation to enjoy an afternoon of art making with our long time instructor, Richard Wong. Richard's classes are suitable for all

levels of expertise including beginners.

**Registration is by donation.** Richard Wong has graciously offered his instructional expertise for this class as a way of giving back. He really wants to give back to the community (that's you) and to us at the HCP because we are a non-profit. All donated proceeds from registrations, less the cost of art supplies, will go to the HCP.

We don't have the image student's will be working on for this class yet, but we do know you'll be pleasantly surprised with a fun winter theme.

The market value of Richard's half day workshops are \$80 (where students bring their own art supplies) or \$90 (where art supplies are provided).

### **ADMISSION BY DONATION**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** to learn more or to register online

### **Willow Stars and Hanging Lanterns Workshop with Joan Carrigan**

Sunday, November 19 - 10:00am - 3:00pm - SOLD OUT

Friday, December 8 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday, December 10 - 10:00am - 3:00pm - SOLD OUT



Tis the season to make some willow stars and star lanterns! Joan Carrigan will have willow on hand to make an assortment of decorative stars of various sizes as well as a willow hanging mobile which when strung with fairy lights makes a magical lantern. The shape of the mobile is a dodecahedron which incorporates the star pattern. Many variations within these shapes are possible. They make great gifts and will brighten up your home throughout the winter season.

HCP Members \$120 / Non Members \$140

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** to learn more or to register online

### **Wreath Making Workshops**



Learn to create a beautiful handmade wreath from scratch. Classes are instructed by the HCP Head Gardener, Linda Petite and her assistant, HCP Community Education Coordinator, Cheri Le Brun.

**Please visit our [Website](#) to register.**

Dates & Times: 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm:

Nov 25, 26, Dec 2, 3 - Limited number of spaces available for these dates

Dec 9, 10

HCP Members \$55/ Non Members \$65

**If you prefer to work at home, please order a wreath making kit [HERE](#).**

Wreath making kits which come with all the materials you need to make a wreath at home, including printed instructions and a link to an instructional online video. Kits are available starting on November 27 and can be picked up at the HCP within one week or ordering.

### **Regular Workshops**

#### **Willow Chair Workshop**

Thursday, November 16 - 9:00am - 5:00pm



Join artisan Andrew Kent from The Willow Way for this full day workshop. In one day, with Andrew Kent's expert instruction, you can make and take home your own Bent Willow Rustic Chair. This is a great introduction to rustic

building techniques. Learn how to make a square frame from pieces of alder & work with different sizes of willow to create your chair. This is recommended as it is ideal to have a helper for this class. Registration is for up to 2 participants making one chair together.

HCP Members \$285 / Non-Members \$305

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

### **Unlimited Possibilities in the Garden with Trisha Klus**

Saturday, November 25 - 10:00am - 3:00pm



Get ready to make your own Artist's Book with a garden theme. We will create a hard covered book secured with a ribbon tie. Each page will be different and ready for your own special touch with pop-ups, pull outs, mini books, hidden panels and more. Although this workshop will have a garden theme, this book can be adapted in unlimited ways for a truly creative piece of art. All materials required to complete the project will be provided by the instructor, a supply list will be provided upon registration.

HCP Members \$110/Non-Members \$120

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

### **Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice**

Saturdays, November 18 & December 9 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm



If you are a new gardener, new to Victoria or just want to brush up on your plant knowledge, this is a great place to get started. This is a monthly class

where participants will be introduced to 20 new plants which fit with our local climate. Plants are selected for our local growing conditions and the value they bring to the garden. Part of the class will be in the classroom and part will be out in the gardens to view the plants for that month. Dress for the weather and bring something to take notes.

HCP Members \$40 / Non-Members \$50

**2024 - Pack of 12 now available** - HCP Members \$400 / Non-Members \$500

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** to learn more or to register online

### **The Master Gardener Program 2024**



### **ONLY 1 SPACE LEFT!!**

Lifelong learning is at the heart of the Victoria Master Gardener Association, the idea that no one can possibly know it all. You have to start somewhere and the Master Gardener Program is the place. You will learn current, reliable home gardening basics – the framework to pin everything else to. You will also learn how to look it up, who to ask and how to share that knowledge of sound, environmentally responsible gardening practices with the community. This course is a requirement to join the Victoria Master Gardener Association. It is also a great course in garden basics for hobbyists and homeowners.

Registration can be done on the [website](#) or via phone - 250 479 6162.

### **Sneak Peak at 2024**

We have some exciting new workshops and classes arriving in the new year. Participants have been requesting more hands-on classes and field trip learning opportunities and we have listened.

Next year we will have monthly **Landscape Design Field Trips** with Heidi Hitchcock, professional landscape designer and instructor. Participants will have the opportunity to explore gardens and neighbourhoods while learning about design. Of course, stopping for coffee and discussion will be a vital part



of this learning experience! To sign up for the interest list, please use this link and we will notify you when registration opens.

For learners who prefer hands-on experience over classroom learning, we will have a monthly **Practical Garden Skills** workshop covering up-to-date gardening practices, tips and tricks from the experts and relevant seasonal tasks. Topics will include lasagna gardening, composting, starting seeds, saving seeds, simple irrigation and more. To sign up for the interest list, please use this link and we will notify you when registration opens.

Don't forget to save your unwanted, lightly used clothing for our annual Community Clothing Swap on January 20. Read more about it on our [WEBSITE](#).

An illustration for a community clothing swap. It shows four people (three women and one man) standing around clothing racks and boxes, sorting through various items of clothing like sweaters, jackets, and pants. A small dog is sitting on the left. The background is a solid light orange color. The title 'Community Clothing Swap' is written in large, bold, black letters. A red circular badge with white text says 'save the date!'. The event details are in a black box at the bottom, and the host information is in an orange box at the very bottom.

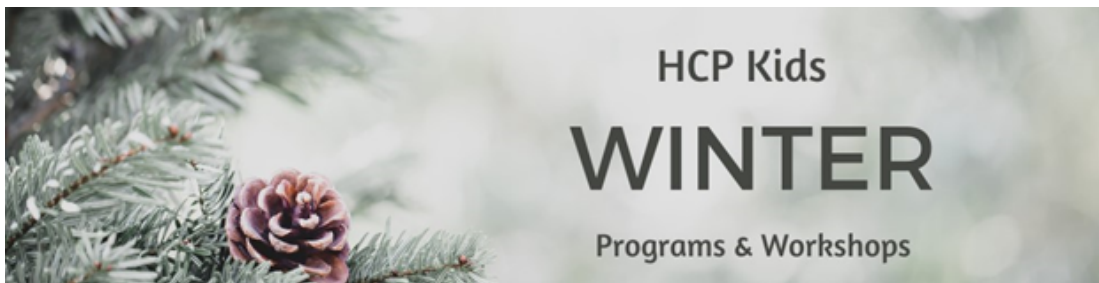
# Community Clothing Swap

save the date!

**20 JANUARY 2024**  
**10:00AM - 2:00PM**

CLOTHING DROP OFF  
JANUARY 13 - 19, 10AM - 1PM

HOSTED BY  
THE GARDENS AT HCP, 505 QUAYLE ROAD, SAANICH, V9E 2J7  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL [CHERI@HCP.CA](mailto:CHERI@HCP.CA)



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are grateful to everyone who joined us in the gardens for our annual event. The weather was perfect and our community partners and vendors were the best! The staff and volunteers at HCP helped make this day amazing! Would you believe that we have already begun to plan for our next event Family Day!



**Look what is happening this FALL & WINTER at HCP Kids!**

- **SCHOOLS** - EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS for 2024 [HERE](#)
- **Early Learners'** - See what is **NEW** for your child or group [HERE](#)
- **BIRTHDAYS** - PERFECT WINTER THEMES [HERE](#)
- **STUDENTS JOBS & VOLUNTEER opportunities.** Looking for experience working with children during our JMG Garden Camps this school year? Contact [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca) for details.
- **FAMILY HOLIDAY** Workshops - Centrepiece & Gift Making December 9th

- **GROUP BOOKINGS** - are available for all workshops and programs?  
Contact us at [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca)
- **SPRING BREAK CAMPS** - registration opens January 7 for Family Membership holders and on the 8th for everyone.

**To see more details about a program please use the link in the title.**

### **BIRTHDAYS in The Garden!**

We offer a 2 hour unique birthday experience for children in the gardens. Our parties are based on fun and engaging nature themes, including Terrarium Gardens, Mythical Creatures, Fairy Gardens, Enchanted Forests, Herbal Creations, among others. See our complete list of workshops [HERE](#). Explore the gardens, create an amazing take away craft, then host your guests for refreshments. For more information contact our School & Youth Programs Coordinator at [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca).

### **HOME LEARNERS - EXCITING *New Programs coming for 2024!***

We are featuring some exciting new short series and workshops beginning in February. Be sure to check our website for more information later this month! As always, our spaces provide unique and hands-on experiences for home learning families and networks! Whether you are a homeschool parent or group teacher, these garden based nature programs are filled with curriculum rich learning experiences for your child. We offer full day, drop in and series programs. If you are looking for inspiration for program ideas, in addition to the program listed [HERE](#), please take a look at [SCHOOL PROGRAMS](#), these can also be provided for your group as can can of our HCP Kids – Workshops.

If you are interested in having us design something for your needs, please reach out to us at [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca).

### **Pro-D Day Camps**

Please Click on the date to register

**Nov 20** ( a few spaces remain)

**Feb 16**

**May 17**

### **Wreath Making for Families**

Join us for this annual gathering to prepare a wreath for your home this holiday season. Using a selection of greenery along with friendly guidance, create a unique wreath to enjoy or gift! These small sized workshops offer a slower and easier pace for small hands to lend assistance with. All materials are provided.

**Date & Times:** [December 1, 10:00 am](#), [December 2 10:30 am](#), [December 2, 1:30 pm](#), [December 3 10:00 am](#), [December 3 1:30 pm](#)

**Register:** Online by selecting the date and time or call 250-479-6162

### **Nature Centrepiece Workshop**

Using our gardens and natural spaces for inspiration, we will explore designs and a variety of materials to create a beautiful centrepiece for your holiday season. All materials are provided. Consider registering yourself and your child and enjoy some moments of making together!

**Date & Time:** December 9 - 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Fee:** \$35 or \$30 with [Family Membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

### **Holiday Gift Making**

Touch someone this holiday season with handmade gifts inspired by the garden! We will explore a variety of easy and unique gifts made with local materials that will be a delight to give and receive.

**Date & Time:** December 9 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

**Fee:** \$40 or \$35 with [Family Membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

## ***New for 2024 - Workshops for Early Learners***

### **Exploring Nature Through Crafts**

Our gardens and natural surroundings offer many opportunities for foraging and creativity. Together we will use our time to explore seasonal interests in the garden, then gather a variety of materials, using a weekly theme to make a take away project that will delight and entertain.

Extra hands are always welcome as we create and assemble. Please plan to stay if your child benefits from your support or if you crave some nature crafting of your own! Looking for a morning filled with fun? Consider signing your child up for The Art of Storytelling for Littles! Ages 3 to 5 years

**Dates:** Thursdays February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am - 10:15 am

**Fee:** \$68 or \$60/[Family Membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

### **The Art of Storytelling for Littles!**

We all love a good story and even at a young age children can tell us amazing stories!

Some of us are naturals and some of us need guidance and nurturing. In this garden meetup, we will share stories both from books and experiences to practice our own creative storytelling.

If you have a confident child ready to join a small group on their own, parents are free to do a drop off. We do ask that you stay on site and take time to enjoy the gardens. Some children need to have a familiar adult with them to become their confident self, and we are happy to have an adult stay and participate as a child requires. If you are looking to fill the morning with another beautiful garden time, consider signing up for Nature Crafts. Ages 3 to 5 years

**Dates:** Thursdays February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

**Time:** 10:45 am - 11:45 am

**Fee:** \$68 or \$60 with [Family Membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

### **The Great Garden Hunt**

We all know what happens when a worm is uncovered in the garden ... lots of excitement!

We'll imagine a weekly garden wander to look for all of those special discoveries that just happen when you least expect it! Along the way we will be learning lots of fun facts about these amazing garden friends, and forging friendships and interactions with each other. Each meetup will include a theme related craft to take home. Join your child or enjoy the gardens (on your own, or with a friend Mom:) during our meet up time. 3 to 5 years

**Dates:** Fridays February 23, March 1, March 8, 15

**Time:** 9:00 am - 10:15 am

**Fee:** \$68 or \$60 with [Family Membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

## **NEW SCHOOL AGE WORKSHOPS**

### **Seed Starting for Kids**

As gardeners it never seems early enough to get started with seed starting. This is an inexpensive way to produce food crops, herbs and flowers, and we will explore them all. There will be lots of seeds planted and brought home to continue growing and enjoying. This is a great skill to have as a budding gardener! Ages 5 to 14 years



**Date:** Saturday February 10, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am

**Fee:** \$35 or \$30 with [Family membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

**Crafting with Hearts!**

The first known depiction of a heart shape as a symbol of love was in the 1200's! It was held upside down for the first couple hundred years, before it was flipped into the position that we recognize today. Just in time for Valentine's Day let's explore some fun ways to incorporate the famous heart shape into an afternoon of crafting!. Using a variety of materials and plant parts we will create amazing crafts including a wreath, lavender sachet, and heart shaped wildflower seed bombs. Ages 5 to 14 years

**Date:** Saturday February 10, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**Fee:** \$35 or \$30 with [Family membership](#)

**Register:** [Online](#) or call 250-479-6162

**WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES**

Watch for our Family Day updates coming in the new year for more details.





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Thanks to our wonderful volunteer, Bev, for bringing this fundraising opportunity to us! We have redeemed \$24,000 in receipts for \$240 in gift cards so far! Amazing!!

Please drop off your Country Grocer receipts at the Front Desk, it's as easy as that to support our Volunteer cookie program!

Thanks again everyone!

Deborah



Events at HCP





# Weddings at HCP

## Wedding Packages 2024



### Full Wedding

## \$4800

Our full package is the whole deal! With access to our pavilion, gathering place, and brick patio it's the ideal space to create your perfect wedding.



**Day Package** 9am - 5pm

**Evening Package** 1pm - 9pm

*Gathering Place, Pavilion, Wedding Arch, Signing Table, Tables & Chairs, Linens, Private Washrooms, Ceremony Chairs, AV Equipment, Prep Kitchen*

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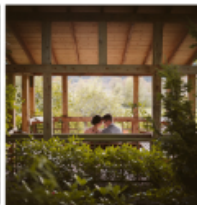
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Our Gathering Place offers a beautiful space for you to celebrate your love! We provide up to 100 chairs, a signing table with linen, and use of our archway to decorate as you see fit.

**Morning Ceremony** 9am - 12pm

**Afternoon Ceremony** 1pm - 4pm

What if it rains? Not to worry! You have access to our Pavilion as a backup ceremony space.



### Elopements

## \$1250

Say 'I do' in a small, intimate part of our 9-acre demonstration gardens. With up to 10 guests, choose a special place in our gardens where you can celebrate with close loved ones!

*3 hours, 10 guests, signing table, ceremony chairs. Choice of any space in our gardens.*





*Our 2024 wedding bookings are open with new packages available, and we've still got some room in the summer! August 2024 is almost full for the weekends, but we've still got some room for June, July & September.*

*Please reach out to me at [events@hcp.ca](mailto:events@hcp.ca) with any questions or inquiries! I'm happy to connect and make sure your special day will be perfect!*

*Have you booked your Christmas Party? Our pavilion is the perfect location!*

*We are always booking our pavilion throughout the year for corporate events, meetings, memorials, workshops, birthdays, and more! We are always excited to hear what event you'd like to hold at our beautiful Gardens.*



## Membership Reminder

Revenue from annual memberships supports youth programming, horticulture student development, plants and supplies for garden improvements, and volunteer appreciation.

You can purchase a [new membership](#) or [renew your membership](#) today online or by calling (250) 479-6162.

Memberships are a great value and include:

- Free admission to the Gardens
- A free guest pass with each membership
- Discounted rates for additional guests
- 10% off plants and gift shop purchases
- Discounted member rates on Community Education Workshops
- Borrowing privileges at the HCP Library
- Discounts at select garden centers throughout Victoria
- 20% off Admission at Victoria Butterfly Gardens
- Free admission, free parking, or other discounts at participating gardens in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program



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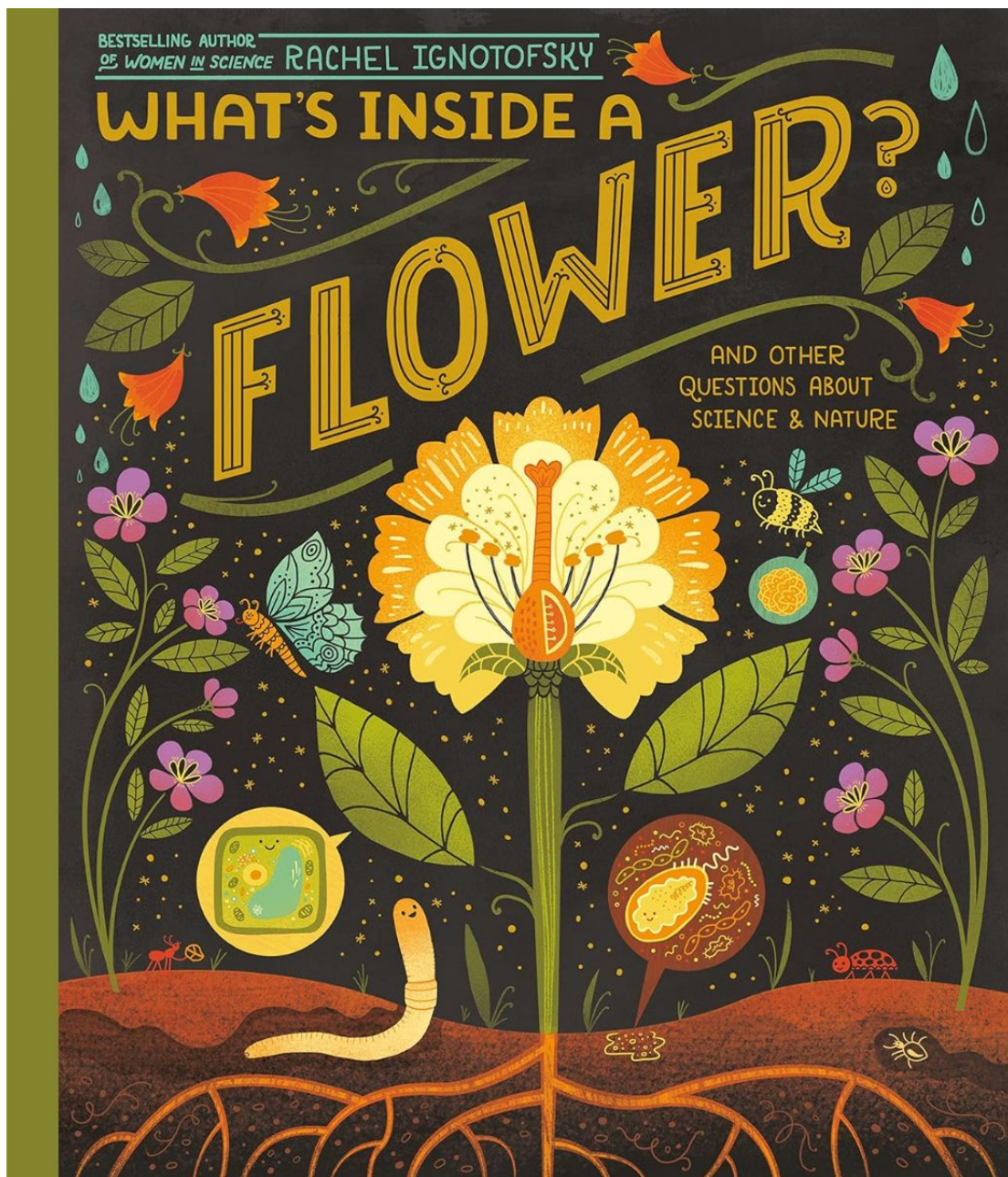
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The Bookend





## What's Inside a Flower?

Rachel Ignotofsky

Go on an adventure in the natural world with Rachel Ignotofsky's book *What's Inside a Flower?* Written by a NYT bestselling author, illustrator and designer, this book takes us on an educational nature walk through the life cycle of plants. Engaging text and vivid illustrations present a wealth of science facts about flower biology and pollination. The charming, layered text builds an appreciation of all things flowers. The rich, detailed images are a delightful combination of botanical illustration with whimsical art deco styling. Children in a wide age range will find this book engaging and inspiring.



Available now to borrow from the new and growing HCP library children's book collection. Catered to the needs of our youngest gardeners and naturalists, borrowers will be able to select books about plants, gardens, nature, food, seeds, wildlife, pollinators, climate, water, seasons, sustainability, and the environment to take home and enjoy. Started in October 2023, Canadian Library Month, the campaign to build this much-needed library collection published a wish list on the [HCP Library website](#).

Donations of books and money from supporters will grow this project from an idea to a reality to support children and families of the community. And you can contact us at [library@hcp.ca](mailto:library@hcp.ca) to discuss the details of your gift. Thank you for your support!

And to see other books new to the library check out our [Recent Acquisitions](#).



## Library Hours



Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am to 1pm

Contact us at [library@hcp.ca](mailto:library@hcp.ca)

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